GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary support for Indian Telephone Industry(ITI) has been gradually coming down over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to make efforts for the development of ITI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): The budgetary support given by the Government for the last five years are given below:-

Year	Rs. (in Crores)
1998-1999	21.18
1999-2000	5.11
2000-2001	4.00
2001-2002	4.00
2002-2003	6.63

(c) & (d): M/s ITI Ltd. is a Board managed Company.The Board of Directors is primarily responsible for its functioning and development. However, the Government support the company by extending reservation quota, advances, waiver of bid bonds, etc.